

Healthy Goat Check List

	No	Yes
Do her eyes look dull or cloudy?		
Does she have diarrhea?		
Is she standing hunched up with her tail drooping down?		
Are her eyes or nose very runny?		
Is she coughing or breathing hard without having just done hard exercise?		
Is her coat rough and flaky or does she have any bald spots?		
Are her gums and insides of her eyelids very pale?		
If your goat is a male, is he having trouble urinating		
Does she have any unusual lumps or swellings on her body, legs, or udder?		
Is she lame or stiff moving?		
If she is milking, does her milk taste bad?		
Is she hard to milk or does her milk have milk clots or blood in it?		
Is her appetite poor?		
Does he/she have normal rumen sounds?		
Does she seem depressed or weak and uninterested in her surroundings?		
What is her temperature? Normal is usually 101.5 - 103.5°F		
What is her respiratory rate? Normal is about 12-24 breaths /minute		
What is her heart rate? Normal is about 70-80 beats per minute		

How Structurally Sound Is Your Goat

Things to observe	Yes	No
Are his back knees (hocks) extremely straight so that when viewed from the side he looks as if his back legs are fence posts? This is called "posty legged".		
Are his ankles (pasterns) so weak and long that his dewclaws almost rest on the ground?		
Are his front knees and pasterns crooked (toe in or out) when viewed from the front?		
Are his hocks and pasterns crooked (toe in or out) when viewed from the rear?		
When you open his mouth, are the teeth on his lower jaw way in front of (overshot, monkey jawed) or behind (undershot or parrotmouthed) the dental pad of his upper jaw?		
Do the toes of his hooves spread far apart from each other when he walks?		
If female, is she double teated on either side of her udder?		
Does her udder have weak muscles that let it hang down low so that it swings when she walks and is easy for her to accidentally step on or urinate on (ideally, her udder floor should be no lower than her hocks)?		
If she is a kid or has never kidded before, does she show symptoms of being an intersex?		
WHAT BODY CONDITION SCORE WOULD YOU GIVE THE GOAT?		
HOW OLD DO IT'S TEETH INDICATE IT IS?		